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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2003, Applicant elects claims 1-12 of Invention I, directed to a method. Applicant therefore withdraws from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 13-35 of Invention II, directed to an apparatus, without prejudice, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application.

Applicant therefore awaits consideration and examination of elected claims 1-12 and respectfully requests consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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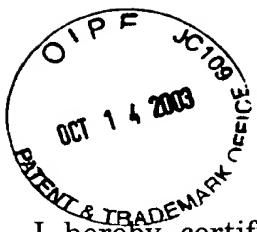
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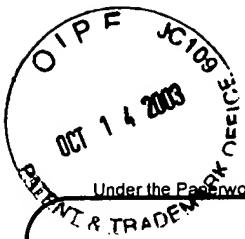
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